

Jesus is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Sunday, April 11, 2010

We extend a special welcome to guests who join us today! Pastor Gary Bomhof will bring the message today.

Children **ages 3 to grade 5** will be dismissed for *Sunday school*. There is supervised nursery care for infants to age 3 today. Parents should accompany children who leave the worship service for any reason.

Guests at First Church are cordially invited to a time of fellowship and friendship in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service

We Worship Our Great and Mighty God

*indicates to stand if able

Gathering Songs

"Oh, How Good is Christ the Lord" – PsH 401

"Alive, Alive"

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" – PsH 402

Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise – PsH 404

"Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem"

*A Time of Friendship (*children dismissed*)

Service of Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

We Live a Resurrected Life

Song – "Because He Lives"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – John 20: 19-23

Message – **The Easter Breath**

*Hymn of Response – PsH 420

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Pastoral/Offertory Prayer

Our Tithes & Offerings

First Church Ministry Budget

Benevolent Fund

*Blessing

*Doxology – "He is Lord"

Serving Today...

Greeter: Bill Lodewyk

Helping Hands: Drok family

Nursery: Carly Duduman, Connie Sypkes

FIRST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

...**Annie Vandermost** was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit at the Red Deer hospital where an aneurysm was discovered. Given other complications, doctors are unable to operate. She continues to find peace and comfort through her risen Lord.

...Remember the many people who are unable to worship with us regularly due to illness or age including **Lies Visser, Nell Drost, Mrs. Spyksma, Winnie Tensen, Audrey Vermeer, John Lindhout, Henk Krikke, and Winnie Krikke.**



FIRST CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

YOU ARE INVITED to a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall after the morning worship service. Your hosts today: Don & Maureen Wielinga

FOUNDATIONS II tonight 6.00p.

THANK YOU to the Acts of Light Drama Troupe, all extra's, techies, and Cathy Tilstra for their contribution to making our Easter services meaningful and transforming. Thank you as well to Jo Maetche and all who helped to make the Easter morning breakfast a wonderful time of fellowship and food! We praise God for the many gifted and talented people in our congregation who give freely of their time.

The Worship & Arts Team

WE PRAY LORD – make the sessions we have on *Scripture, Prayer, and Meditation* fruitful. Shower us with zeal and eagerness and bring us together again next week Sunday at 6.00p, especially those that can help us. *Pastor Jack*

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY At 3.00p on Sunday, April 25 the annual Friendship Sunday service will be held at the Recreation Centre at Michener. Bussing arrangements have become difficult so it is easier for us to go to their venue rather than they come to ours. Put it in your plans to be there to show support for those who, each Monday evening, spend time with their clients. The clients too, really appreciate our presence and love to offer their hospitality as they welcome us to their home.

ANNUAL REPORTS Hey Team leaders; I have yet to receive any reports for 2009! The congregation meeting is scheduled for April 21 so I need them to the office by April 15 latest. Thank you. Dale

FROM THE LIBRARY Did you ever have to explain dying and death to your little ones? We have just purchased two good books on this subject, with very simple text and excellent illustrations. "Jenny" by Stephanie Jeffs – coming to terms with the death of a sibling. "Josh" (same author) – coming to terms with the death of a friend. We also have "My Grandma has Gone to Heaven" by Alex Foxhall.

Lost: A series of 4 video's "The Visual Bible" – Acts. We have the cards but the person who took them forgot to fill in the info. Maybe one of the study groups has them? Let us know please.

TALENT SHOW The SERVE 2010 team is recruiting performers for our talent show portion of the SERVE Dinner on May 1st. If you play an instrument, sing,

act, or whatever special talent you may have and you'd like to participate in the talent show...please contact Rob Wagenaar!

30-HOUR FAMINE fundraising has started! Please support the youth in their plans to raise funds for World Vision's work in countries around the world! On April 15 starting at 6pm the youth will be having a 30 hour fast ending at midnight on April 16th. Last year our youth were one of the top fund-raising groups in central Alberta!

SERVE DINNER is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st! Tickets are available at the kiosk after the worship service.

BOTTLE DRIVE The youth will be having a bottle drive shortly after Easter! So please sign up on the youth bulletin board if you need your bottles picked up or feel free to drop them off at the church!

LOOKING AHEAD....

April 18, 6.30p – Scripture, Prayer and Meditation

April 25, 3.00p – Friendship Sunday at Michener Centre

May 2, 10.00a – the morning worship will be led by Rev. Steven Koster of Back to God Ministries

May 30, 6.00p – "Hymn Sing" This will conclude our evening services for this season.

Youth Happenings....

-***Acts of Light*** drama team Wednesday – 6.45p.

-***Young Adults Retreat*** for all young adults in Classis Alberta North will take place on the weekend May 28-30 in Jasper. The cost per person is \$100.00. You will be staying at the Amethyst Lodge in Jasper. The speaker is Ryan Pedde of Bethel CRC in Edmonton and the worship team is "North of Tomorrow," a group of young men from Lacombe. Check out www.canyouthministry.com for further details (activities, schedule etc.) including a poster and registration form. Registrations must be in by May 10th. Contact Cathy if you are interested in going!

-***On April 25th***, Bethel Young Peoples will be hosting a ball hockey tournament for high school students and young adults. Make yourself a team of minimum 6 players with at least 2 girls. Once you have your teams contact either Michelle Hoekstra (403 782 5107 or michelle.h.93@hotmail.com) or Kendra Scholing (403 782 2701 or ringette_2_rocks@hotmail.com) as soon as possible! Deadline for team entries is Wednesday April 21. Make sure you bring your own hockey stick. After the tourney there will be supper provided at Bethel and a youth service to follow. Donations will be

accepted and will go towards the support of our sponsor child, Bijoy. Hope you can come!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

RED DEER MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION has made a commitment to be in prayer weekly for a Christian organization in the City of Red Deer. In this way we are showing our unity and support for each other. This week our prayer is for Bible Baptist Church.

THIS SPRING WE ASK YOU to show your support for the mission of The King's University College. Prayerfully consider making a gift in addition to contributions made to King's through your church. Annual spring donations are a vital part of the university's existence. To contribute to Spring Campaign 2010, please send your gift using the form that was mailed to you. If you have not received Spring Campaign information in the mail, additional copies are available in the information rack. Please feel free to take one if you are interested. Contact the Development Office at 780-465-8314 or development@kingsu.ca with comments or questions. Thank you for supporting Christian education at King's!

CENTRAL ALBERTA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL is hosting its annual Fashion Show at the school, on Friday, April 23, 2010. Doors open at 6:30 and the fashion show will begin at 7:00 p.m. This year all proceeds will be donated to the Central Alberta Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. CACHS catering are providing delicious desserts and a Silent Auction will be taking place throughout the evening. Tickets are \$20.00 each, or \$140 for a table of eight. There are only 200 tickets available and deadline to purchase tickets is April 20th. For tickets or more information, please contact Ann at the school @ 403-782-4535.

EASTER TO PENTECOST DEVOTIONAL - Christian Reformed Home Missions and Christian Reformed World Missions Easter through Pentecost devotional starts today. To sign up for, or download this joint CRHM-CRWM devotional go to www.crcna.org/powerofthegospel.

GEARING UP FOR CAMP REHOBOTH We need your help! Please join us for our first work bee at the camp. The date is April 14 at 9.00am. Even an hour or two is appreciated! Lunch will be provided. Call Hidde or Jackie at 403.782.7071 for more info.

THE KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CHOIRS invite you to their concert "Since the Art Song" on Monday, April 19 at 8.00pm in the Winspear Centre, with special

guest, international opera star, Pavlo Hunka (bass-baritone) and Dnipro Ensemble. Tickets are available at the Winspear Box Office 780.428.1414 and King's Bookstore 780.465.8306. Tickets are \$20/Adult, \$15/Students, seniors and alumni, \$5/children under 12.

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST The annual Breakfast is to be held from 7.00a to 8.45a on Wednesday, April 28 at the Parkland Pavilion, Westerner Park. A table of eight is \$185. So far we have four people committed. If you are interested in attending and sitting at First Church's table, please contact either Pastor Gary or Elder Dick VandenBrink.

FROM PASTOR HERMAN'S DESK: The line in last Sunday's hymn, "He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart" made me think of a seminary professor who, when speaking at a conference in Toronto years ago, told us that when he was in college, a fellow student asked him in a rather blunt fashion, "Brother, are you saved?" A series of revival meetings were going on in the city at the time and his fellow student wanted to make sure that, if he wasn't saved, he would urgently invite him to attend the revival services in the hope that he would then "get saved."

The seminary professor, who had been a Christian all his life, replied to his fellow student, "Am I saved? Not yet." That baffled his fellow student because his belief was that you were either saved or not saved, one or the other. There's no half-way point possible.

There's more to the story but this is enough to say that Christians have different understandings as to what salvation is. The fellow student referred to above apparently understood it to mean "to go to heaven when you die." And to be sure that you will go to heaven when you die, you must be a Christian, you must commit your life to Christ, you have to be born again.

However, that's a rather limited view of salvation. According to the various understandings from the Bible, to be saved means to be saved from sin in **ALL** of its ramifications and consequences – to be saved from sinning, from trouble and sorrow, from pain and misery, from threats and dangers, from enemies, from Satan and from death, etc. etc.

Of course, being a Christian means that I will, according to the Lord's promises, go to heaven when I die. That's in the future. But the Lord is also dealing with me (and hopefully with you) right now in this present time to sanctify me by his Word and Spirit so I will not sin anymore for when I am fully delivered from **all sin**, only then will I experience perfect peace and joy. So my salvation, having begun a long time ago when I became a Christian, is still in process. I am

saved in one sense of the word and not yet saved in another sense of the word.

I am in process of being saved and the day is coming when the Lord will have completed his saving work in me (and you, I hope) when I will see Jesus face to face and that's when I will be fully saved from sin and **ALL** of its consequences. That will surely be glory for me and for all who love the Lord and when that happens, the angels are surely going to sing, don't you think? -- Pastor Herman

Birthday Greetings!

Apr	12	Cathy Tilstra
	13	Jordy Sanguin
	14	Rika Kranenborg
	15	Winnie Tensen
	16	Clarence Bylsma
	17	Cor Bruin
		Bob Lodewyk
		Joanne van Loo

This week at First Church...

Today	6.00p	Foundations II
Mon	9.00a	Grandparents Day – Playschool
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	6.30p	GEMS/Cadets
	7.00p	Friendship
Tues	9.00a	Classis meeting
	9.30a	Coffee Break
	7.30p	Evening Coffee Break
	7.30p	Deacons meeting
Wed	9.00a	Adult Day Program
	12.30p	KEYS
	6.45p	Drama team
	7.30p	Admin Team meeting
	7.30p	Education Team meeting
	7.30p	Youth Band rehearsal
Thurs	7.30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri	9.00a	Grandparents Day – Playschool
	6.00p	30 Hour Famine
Sunday	10.00a	Morning Worship
	6.00p	Foundations II
	6.00p	Evening Gathering

Library Hours: Tuesday: 9.30a – 11.30a
Sunday's – after am worship services

Check the church web site: www.firstcreddeer.org for current information.

Serving next week....

Greeter: Tini Wind
Helping Hands: Jim Seinen
Coffee: Gerry/Jane Sanguin
Nursery: Jö-Ann Bomhof, Yvonne Dubois

Stewardship notes....

Today's Tithes and Offerings:

First Church Ministry Budget
Benevolent Fund

Future Offerings:

Apr 18 – GEMS
Apr 25 – Cadets

Our giving – Mar 28/Apr4

Budget	\$21,128.00
Friendship	\$ 648.00
Shalom	\$ 270.00
World Missions	\$ 2,913.00